

memorandum

date July 8, 2010

to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

from ESA Adolfson

subject County Work on Flood District Formation

The Flood Authority's budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 includes \$1,200,000 to support the development of a basin-wide governance and funding mechanism. The Flood Authority has hired FCS Group to lead this effort. In a memo sent to the Flood Authority on May 13, 2010, ESA Adolfson recommended setting aside a portion (\$40,175) of this funding for County staff to facilitate local coordination with FCS Group's efforts, something FCS Group has made clear will be needed.

On June 30, FCS Group sent a detailed request for data to ESA Adolfson to be forwarded to County staff. The requested data is extensive and will require staff time from County GIS departments. This is the first of a number of anticipated requests for time and resources from the Counties, and members of the Board Advisory Committee (BAC) have indicated that some funding assistance will be required to meet this request.

We recommend that the Counties use a portion of the funding set aside in May to meet FCS Group's request with BAC oversight. We also recommend that in the future the Counties be allowed to use this funding to work on the establishment of a basin-wide flood district as needed, provided all expenses are approved by the BAC in advance.